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SUBJECT: BROADENING COUNTRY FINANCED TECHNICAL SERVICES

KUWAIT FOR LOUIS BERGER TEAM

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1. WE ARE READY TO SET UP PROGRAM FOR LOUIS BERGER VISIT AS SOON AS SOME UNCERTAINTIES ARE CLARIFIED. PLS LET US KNOW FIRM ARRIVAL DATES FOR TEAM (WHETHER MARCH 12 AS STATED IN REF C OR MARCH 5 AS SUGGESTED BY ABU DHABI) SO THAT WE CAN PLAN TEAM SCHEDULE WITH OMANGOV.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TEAM WOULD SPEND ITS TIME IN MUSCAT. WE ASSUME THAT THE GROUP WOULD WISH TO RESERVE TIME AT BEGINNING AND END OF VISIT FOR MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND PREPARING PRELIMINARY REPORT. IN REGARD TO APPOINTMENTS WITH OMANGOV OFFICIALS, DOES TEAM WISH TO SPLIT UP AND MEET SEPARATELY ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS? WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWICB IF TEAM REPORT WILL BE KEPT IN-HOUSE OR SHARED WITH OMANGOV.

3. WE ASSUME THAT LOUIS BERGER TEAM WOULD LIKE TO VISIT CERTAIN PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF CAPITAL. WE RECOMMEND THAT THEY TAKE DAY TRIP TO SOHAR TO VISIT FORMER FMC PROJECT, PROSPECTIVE COPPER
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MINES WEST OF SOHAR, AND RUMAIS EXPERIMENTAL FARM ALONG THE

WAY. TEAM MIGHT ALSO FIND PROFITABLE A 2-DAY TRIP TO DHOFAR.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE COMMENTS ON THESE POINTS BY COB
FEB 22, FOR OUR GUIDANCE IN FEB 23 MEETING WITH OMANGOV.
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